

# Watson & Paterson Former Bacon-Curing Factory



City of Darebin Heritage  
Review 2000



Map Ref: **30 F3**

NOT within Heritage Overlay Area.

City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000 (map)

## Location

Cnr. Dundas Street and Plenty Road PRESTON, Darebin City

## Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO30

## Heritage Listing

Darebin City

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## Statement of Significance

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The former Watson and Paterson bacon-curing factory is of historical significance in the metropolitan context.

The Watson and Paterson bacon-curing factory, established in 1862, may have been the first such works in Victoria. The existing buildings, dating from c1900 and the 1920s and still used for smallgoods manufacture, appear to be the last remnant of an important nineteenth century industry in what was then the rural district of Preston. Preston was a centre of pig farming from the 1860s and was the location of several bacon and ham curing works, including that established in 1875 by J C Hutton, later to become one of Melbourne's largest smallgoods manufacturers.

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## Physical Description 1

The factory comprises a complex of brick buildings of one or two storeys. Nothing appears to survive of the 1862 timber factory building and the earliest of the existing buildings appears to have been constructed at about the turn of the century. The single-storey buildings along the Dundas Street frontage appear to have been constructed in the early 1920s. Roofs are covered with corrugated iron. The two-storey central building has segmentally arched windows, fitted with timber and metal louvres, and a louvred ridge vent

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